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MOTION TO SUPPORT AB 2131 (BASS) AND DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION, TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ENSURE PASSAGE OF THE BILL (ITEM NO. 5 - AGENDA OF MARCH 2, 2010)

Item No. 5 on the March 2, 2010 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Antonovich to support AB 2131 (Bass) and direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), in conjunction with the County Welfare Directors Association, to support efforts to ensure passage of this bill.

On July 28, 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger signed the FY 2009-10 State Budget Act. At that time, he used his line-item veto authority to reduce State funding for Child Welfare Administration by \$60.9 million and reduce the Title IV-E Capped Allocation Waiver by \$19.1 million. As a result of these actions, the County experienced a loss of \$18.7 million for FY 2009-10.

AB 2131, as introduced on February 18, 2010, proposes to restore the \$80 million vetoed by the Governor. DCFS indicates that restoration of this funding would allow the Department to reinvest in services to prevent abuse and neglect, provide more comprehensive needs assessments of children and families and provide transitional and aftercare services for children and youth in need of these services.

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Support for AB 2131 is consistent with existing Board policy to support proposals to: 1) ensure full funding for the Child Welfare Services Program and; 2) restore and preserve State funding for County programs and services.

AB 2131 is sponsored by Assembly Member Karen Bass. Currently, there is no registered support or opposition on this measure. The measure is awaiting referral to a policy committee.

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